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☐ **Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i):** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(i), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This IDS is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(d). Applicant requests that the IDS be placed in the file.

☒ An Office Action from a related U.S. application dated May 31, 2007 and having documents cited thereon is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Any of these documents not previously cited, and any additional documents are listed on the PTO Form 1449. The related application publication no 2005/0189330 is also listed.

☒ Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. As for any document listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 that is in a language other than English, relevance can be understood from an enclosed English abstract or at least partial translation or from mention in the specification or in a search report for a corresponding application.

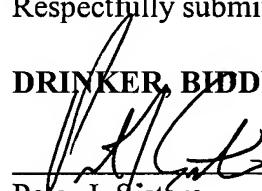
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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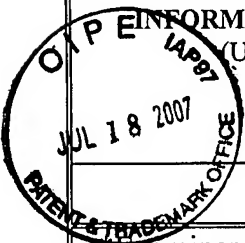
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
	6,181,728 B1	January 30, 2001	<i>Cordingley et al.</i>	-	-	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation	
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	59-130438	July 27, 1984	Japan			Abstract	
	60-144985	July 31, 1985	Japan			Abstract	
	3-276662	December 6, 1991	Japan			Abstract	
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	9-260310	October 3, 1997	Japan			Abstract	

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Cited Documents:

- 1 . Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. S59-130438
- 2 . Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. S60-144985
- 3 . Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H3-276662
- 4 . Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H4-300084
- 5 . Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H9-260310
- 6 . US Patent No. US3629545 *
- 7 . US Patent No. US6181728
- 8 . US Patent No. US6285002
- 9 . US Patent No. US6031201
- 10 . US Patent No. US4242152